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Memorandum by the Secretary-General

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Secretary-General has the honour to place before the General Committee, for its consideration, the following observations and proposals in connection with the report to be made to the General Assembly by the General Committee regarding the organization of the fiftieth regular session and future sessions of the Assembly, the adoption of the agenda and the allocation of items.

2. Over the years, the General Assembly has adopted a number of provisions aimed at rationalizing the procedures and organization of the Assembly. These provisions are reproduced in the annexes to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend.1 and 2, annexes I, II and IV-VIII).

3. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to the provisions in annexes V, VI, VII and VIII to its rules of procedure, in particular to those provisions reproduced below under the relevant headings.

4. Furthermore, the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to General Assembly resolution 48/264 of 29 July 1994, entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly", and to annex I thereto, entitled "Guidelines on the rationalization of the agenda of the General Assembly". The provisions of the resolution and the Guidelines are reflected in the present document under the relevant headings.

II. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

A. General Committee

5. The Secretary-General wishes to draw to the General Committee's attention rule 40 of the rules of procedure as well as General Assembly decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI, paras. 1 and 2), Assembly resolution 39/88 B (ibid., annex VII, para. 4) and the annex to resolution 45/45 (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend.1, annex VIII, para. 3) pertaining to the functions of the Committee.

B. Rationalization of work

6. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to General Assembly resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, whereby the Assembly decided that the recommendations as agreed upon and as contained in the report of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations 1/ should be implemented by the Secretary-General and the relevant organs and bodies of the United Nations.

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/41/49).

7. In this connection, the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the measures undertaken in pursuance of the goal of renewal and reform, in particular to recommendations 2, 3 and 7 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, as reflected in the progress reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/213 (A/42/234, A/43/286, A/44/222) as well as a supplementary report submitted to the Assembly at its forty-fifth session (A/45/226). The Secretary-General also wishes to draw the Committee's attention to Assembly resolution 46/232 of 2 March 1992 on the revitalization of the United Nations Secretariat, resolutions 46/235 of 13 April 1992 and 48/162 of 20 December 1993 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields and resolution 48/264 of 29 July 1994 and annex I thereto on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly.

8. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 5 of the annex to resolution 45/45 (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend.1, annex VIII) which reads as follows:

> "5. The General Committee should consider, at the beginning of each session of the General Assembly, recommending that certain Main Committees should meet in sequential order, taking into account such matters as the number of meetings required for the consideration of the questions with which they are charged at that session, the organization of the work of the whole session and the problem of participation of smaller delegations."

9. Furthermore, the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the fact that measures introduced to reduce costs relating to overtime will be strictly enforced.

C. Observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations

10. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the General Committee's attention to General Assembly resolution 48/215 B of 26 May 1994 on the observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations, in particular to paragraph 1, which reads as follows:

> "1. Decides to convene a special commemorative meeting of the General Assembly on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the entry into force of the Charter of the United Nations, to be held at United Nations Headquarters from 22 to 24 October 1995".

11. The Secretary-General wishes also to draw the General Committee's attention to the annex of General Assembly resolution 49/12 B of 24 May 1995, whereby the Assembly adopted a procedure for organizing the order of speakers during the Special Commemorative Meeting. Paragraphs 5 (a) to (d), 6 and 7 of the annex read as follows:

> "5. ...
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> "(a) Heads of State will thus be accorded first priority, followed by vice-presidents, crown princes/princesses, heads of government, the highest

ranking official of the Holy See and Switzerland, as observer States, and Palestine, in its capacity as observer, ministers, permanent representatives and other observers;

"(b) In the event that the level at which a statement is to be made is subsequently changed, the speaker will be moved to the next available speaking slot, in the appropriate category at the same meeting;

"(c) Participants may arrange to exchange their speaking slots in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly;

"(d) Speakers who are not present when their speaking turn comes will be automatically moved to the next available speaking slot within their category.

"6. In order to accommodate all speakers at the Special Commemorative Meeting, statements should be limited to five minutes, on the understanding that this will not preclude the circulation of more extensive texts.

"7. The full text of all speeches provided to the Special Commemorative Meeting will be subsequently published in a bound book."

Owing to the large number of participants addressing the Meeting, the General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the Assembly the absolute necessity of punctuality for the orderly conduct of the meetings.

12. Bearing in mind the solemn nature of the Special Commemorative Meeting and the serious time and technical services constraints, it may not be possible to accommodate statements in exercise of the right of reply in the usual manner. The General Committee may wish therefore to recommend to the General Assembly that, during the Special Commemorative Meeting, statements in exercise of the right of reply, if any, may be made only in written form to be circulated as documents.

D. Closing date of the session

13. In accordance with the provisions of rule 2 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly should fix a closing date for the fiftieth session. The General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that the fiftieth session should recess not later than Tuesday, 19 December 1995, and close on Monday, 14 September 1996. The Committee may also wish to recommend to the Assembly that all the Main Committees should start their work as soon as possible and make every effort to complete their work by Friday, 1 December 1995.

E. Schedule of meetings

14. The General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that, in accordance with established practice, morning meetings should start at 10 a.m. promptly for all plenary meetings and meetings of the Main Committees

during the fiftieth session. The Committee may also wish to recommend to the Assembly that, as a cost-saving measure, plenary meetings and meetings of the Main Committees, including informals, be adjourned by 6 p.m., and that, with the exception of the Special Commemorative Meeting, no meetings be held on weekends. The Committee may also wish to recommend to the General Assembly that this cost-saving measure should also apply, for the remainder of 1995, to meetings on the calendar of conferences and meetings.

15. The General Committee may further wish to recommend that, in order to avoid the late start of meetings, the General Assembly should waive, in view of the practice at recent sessions, the requirement of the presence of at least one third of the members to declare a plenary meeting open and permit the debate to proceed and one quarter of the members to declare a meeting of a Main Committee open and permit the debate to proceed. This recommendation would be made on the understanding that such a waiver would not imply any permanent change in the provisions of rules 67 and 108 of the rules of procedure and that the requirement of the presence of a majority of the members for any decision to be taken would be maintained.

16. Furthermore, the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that delegations should be reminded of the utmost importance of punctuality in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations.

F. General debate

17. In accordance with recent practice, the Secretary-General suggests that the general debate should begin on Monday, 25 September, and end on Thursday, 12 October 1995.

18. The Secretary-General also suggests that the list of speakers in the general debate should be closed on Wednesday, 27 September, at 6 p.m.

19. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to the decision taken by the Assembly at previous sessions, namely, that the practice of expressing congratulations inside the General Assembly Hall after a speech had been delivered was prohibited. In this connection, the Committee may wish to recommend to the Assembly that speakers in the general debate, after delivering their statements, should leave the General Assembly Hall through room GA-200 located behind the podium before returning to their seats.

G. Explanations of vote, right of reply, points of order and length of statements

20. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), which read as follows:

"6. Explanations of vote should be limited to ten minutes.

"7. When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, i.e., either in the Committee or in plenary meeting, unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee.

"8. Delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for that day and whenever such meetings are devoted to the consideration of the same item."

21. The Secretary-General wishes to suggest that, in line with time-limits for explanations of vote and the right of reply, the General Committee recommend to the General Assembly limiting points of order to five minutes.

22. With a view to streamlining the procedures of the General Assembly and as another cost-saving measure, the General Committee, in connection with the length of statements, may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly, as it did at recent sessions, to rules 72 and 114 of the rules of procedure and paragraph 22 of annex VI thereto for appropriate action in plenary meeting and the Main Committees.

H. Records of meetings

23. As at past sessions, verbatim records will continue to be provided, during the fiftieth session, for the plenary meetings of the General Assembly and meetings of the First Committee and summary records will be provided to the General Committee and the Main Committees of the Assembly. In accordance with the recommendation of the Special Committee on the Rationalization of the Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly (ibid., annex V, para. 108 (b)), the General Committee may wish to recommend that the General Assembly should maintain for the fiftieth session the practice whereby the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) may obtain, on specific request, transcriptions of the debates of some of its meetings, or portions thereof. These transcriptions, which would not be part of the official records of the Committee, would be provided as the required services became available. Furthermore, the General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraphs 8 and 9 of its resolution 38/32 E of 25 November 1983, which read as follows:

"8. Decides that the practice of reproducing statements in extenso as separate documents shall be discontinued for all its subsidiary organs that are entitled to summary records;

"9. Decides further that any exceptions to this rule may be made by the body concerned only if the statements are to serve as bases for discussion and if, after hearing a statement of the relevant financial implications, the body decides that one or more statements in extenso may be included in the summary record, or reproduced as separate documents or as annexes to authorized documents".

In this connection, the General Committee may also wish to recommend to the General Assembly that the practice not to reproduce in extenso statements made in a Main Committee should be maintained for the fiftieth session.

I. Seating arrangements

24. In accordance with established practice, the Secretary-General has drawn lots for the purpose of choosing the Member State to occupy the first desk on the General Assembly floor from which the alphabetical seating order will begin. The name drawn was Mozambique. Consequently, the delegation of that country will sit at the first desk at the right of the President and the other countries will follow in the English alphabetical order. The same order will be observed in the Main Committees.

J. Concluding statements

25. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 17 of its decision 34/401 (ibid., annex VI), which reads as follows:

> "17. To save time at the end of the session, the practice of making concluding statements in the General Assembly and its Main Committees should be dispensed with except for statements by the presiding officers."

K. Resolutions

26. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 32 of its decision 34/401 (ibid.), which reads as follows:

> "32. Whenever possible, resolutions requesting the discussion of a question at a subsequent session should not call for the inclusion of a separate new item and such discussion should be held under the item under which the resolution was adopted."

27. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to recommendation 3 (f) of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, which reads as follows:

> "(f) Efforts should be made to reduce the number of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly. Resolutions should request reports of the Secretary-General only in cases where that would be indispensable for facilitating the implementation of these resolutions or the continued examination of the question."

28. In this connection, the General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 5 of its resolution 48/264, which reads as follows:

"5. Encourages Member States to exercise restraint in making proposals requesting new reports of the Secretary-General, bearing in mind the desirability of reducing the number of such reports".

29. The General Committee may further wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 1 and 10 of the annex to resolution 45/45 (A/520/Rev.15/Amend.1, annex VIII).

L. Documentation

30. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 28 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), which reads as follows:

"28. The General Assembly, including its Main Committees, should merely take note of those reports of the Secretary-General or subsidiary organs which do not require a decision by the Assembly and should neither debate nor adopt resolutions on them, unless specifically requested to do so by the Secretary-General or the organ concerned."

31. The General Committee may wish to draw to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 6 of its resolution 48/264, which reads as follows:

"6. Emphasizes that reports requested of the Secretary-General should be made available in all official languages in a timely manner in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and the annexes thereto with a view to enabling delegations to consider the substance of such reports more thoroughly in advance of meetings".

32. The Secretary-General feels obliged to emphasize once again that, despite the provisions adopted by the General Assembly to control and limit documentation, the volume of pre-session documentation has consistently increased in recent years, without any strengthening of resources, thus contributing to serious delays in the issuance of documentation.

M. Questions related to the programme budget

33. The Secretary-General would like to draw the attention of the General Committee to rule 153 of the rules of procedure, which reads as follows:

"No resolution involving expenditure shall be recommended by a committee for approval by the General Assembly unless it is accompanied by an estimate of expenditures prepared by the Secretary-General. No resolution in respect of which expenditures are anticipated by the Secretary-General shall be voted by the General Assembly until the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee) has had an opportunity of stating the effect of the proposal upon the budget estimates of the United Nations."

In this connection, the General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 12 of its decision 34/401 (ibid.), which reads as follows:

> "12. It is imperative that Main Committees should allow sufficient time for the preparation of the estimate of expenditures by the Secretariat and for its consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee and that they should take this requirement into account when they adopt their programme of work."

Furthermore, the General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 6 of its resolution 35/10 A of 3 November 1980, which reads as follows:

> "6. Decides that all proposals affecting the schedule of conferences and meetings made at sessions of the General Assembly shall be reviewed by the Committee on Conferences when administrative implications are being considered under the requirements of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly."

The General Committee may also wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to regulation 4.9 of the Regulations Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (resolution 37/234, annex), which reads as follows:

> "Regulation 4.9. No Council, Commission or other competent body shall take a decision involving either a change in the programme budget approved by the General Assembly or the possible requirement of expenditure unless it has received and taken account of a report from the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the proposal."

34. The General Committee may also wish to recall paragraph 13 of decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), which reads as follows:

> "13. Furthermore:
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> "(a) A mandatory deadline, not later than 1 December, should be established for the submission to the Fifth Committee of all draft resolutions with financial implications;
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> "(b) The Fifth Committee should, as a general practice, consider accepting without debate the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the financial implications of draft resolutions up to a prescribed limit, namely, $25,000 on any one item;
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> "(c) Firm deadlines should be set for the early submission of the reports of subsidiary bodies which require consideration by the Fifth Committee;
>
> "(d) A minimum period of forty-eight hours should be allowed between the submission and the voting of a proposal involving expenditure in order

to allow the Secretary-General to prepare and present the related statement of administrative and financial implications."

35. In connection with subparagraph 13 (d) of decision 34/401 quoted above, experience has shown that, depending on the type and complexity of the proposals involving changes in the work programme and additional expenditures, the preparation of a statement of programme budget implications by the Secretary-General may take a few days. In addition, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee need adequate time to review the programme budget implications of a draft resolution before the latter can be acted on by the Assembly.

36. It is thus desirable that Member States submit proposals involving statements of programme budget implications sufficiently in advance to avoid the cancellation of meetings and the postponement of consideration of items.

N. Observances and commemorative meetings

37. Observances and commemorative meetings held in plenary meeting have for the most part followed a well-defined pattern. Considering past practice and allowing for the necessary flexibility, the General Committee may wish to recommend that, with the exception of the anniversary of the United Nations, the General Assembly should adopt the following format for commemorative meetings: statements by the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General, statements by the chairmen of the five regional groups and by the representative of the host country. The Committee may also wish to recommend to the Assembly that, according to established practice, each statement should be limited to 15 minutes.

38. It is further suggested that observances and commemorative meetings take place, as far as possible, immediately following the general debate. The advantage of such a procedure is that it may facilitate the participation of dignitaries attending the general debate. This procedure would also allow advance planning of the work of the General Assembly.

O. Special conferences

39. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to recommendation 6 of the Committee on Conferences, adopted by the Assembly in paragraph (b) of its decision 34/405, which reads as follows:

"(b) The Committee, taking into account difficulties encountered in ensuring adequate preparation of meetings, including timely distribution of documentation, as well as the ability of Member States to participate fully, recommends that the General Assembly should instruct the Main Committees to review the number of special conferences of the United Nations already proposed and scheduled in their respective fields of activity prior to deciding upon the scheduling of new and additional special conferences, thus bearing in mind the relevant portions of General Assembly resolution 33/55."

The General Committee may also wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to recommendation 2 (d) of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, which reads as follows:

> "Until 1978, a number of resolutions had requested that only one major conference be scheduled annually. The decision of the General Assembly that no more than five special conferences should take place in a given year and that no more than one special conference should be convened at the same time should be strictly implemented."

40. In this connection, the General Committee may further wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to the relevant provisions of recommendation 4 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, which reads as follows:

> "The existing principle that United Nations bodies should meet at their respective established headquarters, as provided for in General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, should be strictly enforced. Whenever the Assembly accepts an invitation from the Government of a Member State to hold a conference or meeting away from established headquarters, the additional cost should be borne in full by that Government. The methods of budgeting these costs should be improved so as to ensure that all additional costs are accounted for."

P. Meetings of subsidiary organs

41. In accordance with section 1, paragraph 7, of General Assembly resolution 40/243, no subsidiary organ of the Assembly should be permitted to meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly, unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly. In this connection, the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to a letter dated 30 August 1995 (A/50/404) in which the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences informed the President of the General Assembly that the Committee had recommended, on the strict understanding that meetings would have to be accommodated within available facilities and services, that the following subsidiary organs should be authorized to meet during the fiftieth session:

(a) Advisory Committee on the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa;

(b) Committee on Relations with the Host Country;

(c) Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People;

(d) Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund;

(e) Preparatory Committee for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations;

(f) Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

In this connection, the Secretary-General wishes to draw to the attention of the General Committee resolution 49/252 of 14 September 1995, in which the General Assembly, inter alia, established the Open-ended High-level Working Group on the Strengthening of the United Nations System and requested the Working Group to commence its substantive work during the fiftieth session of the Assembly. The Assembly adopted resolution 49/252 on the understanding that its adoption would require specific exception to paragraph 7 of resolution 40/243.

III. OBSERVATIONS AND PROPOSALS ON THE ORGANIZATION OF FUTURE SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

42. The agenda of the General Assembly reflects the concern of Member States with a myriad of issues spanning political, economic, social and financial fields. The growing complexity of many global issues and their increasingly interdisciplinary nature pose a challenge to the Organization's ability to respond swiftly.

43. The General Assembly is faced with many items that require timely and purposeful consideration, often under stringent deadlines. It is therefore imperative that it continue to improve its operating procedures so as to organize its work effectively and make optimum use of the time available.

44. During the past few years, the General Assembly met frequently between January and August. Most recently, during its forty-ninth session, the Assembly has met at least once every month from January to September, with the exception of August. These meetings were not envisaged in the calendar of meetings, and therefore ad hoc arrangements had to be made to continue to provide adequate secretariat services at the expense of other requirements. It may be worthwhile for the Assembly to consider whether the rationalization of Assembly meetings between January and August is possible to allow advance planning for delegations and the Secretariat.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

45. All proposals for the inclusion of items in the agenda of the fiftieth session have been communicated to Member States in the following documents:

(a) Provisional agenda of the fiftieth session (A/50/150);

(b) Supplementary list (A/50/200).

The items proposed for inclusion are listed in the draft agenda, which appears in paragraph 49 below.

46. Bearing in mind the need to rationalize the General Assembly's procedures, and in view of the large number of items on the draft agenda, the Secretary-General wishes to recall the recommendation of the Special Committee on the Rationalization of the Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly that Member States should examine the agenda with a view to eliminating items which have lost their urgency or relevance, are not ripe for consideration or could be

dealt with and even disposed of equally well by subsidiary organs of the General Assembly, and to referring specific items to other United Nations organs or to specialized agencies, taking into account the nature of the question (A/520/Rev.15, annex V, paras. 19 and 22; see also ibid., annex VII, paras. 1 and 2). The Secretary-General wishes also to recall paragraphs 4 and 5 (a) and (c) of annex I to resolution 48/264, which read as follows:

> "4. There shall be periodic reviews of the agenda, taking into account the views of concerned Member States, in order to ascertain whether it is possible to delete any item on which no resolution or decision has been adopted for a period of time.
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> "5. The Main Committees should be encouraged to continue with the review of their respective agendas, taking into account, inter alia, the following:
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> "(a) Agenda items concerning issues of closely related substance could be merged within a single agenda title or be incorporated as sub-items where this is possible without loss of focus on the items/ sub-items concerned;
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> ...
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> "(c) Biennialization and triennialization of items on the agenda of the Main Committees could be considered in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly".

In addition, bearing in mind the extremely heavy workload of the General Assembly and the need to make the most effective use of scarce resources, the Committee may wish to consider deferring to a later session items for which decisions or action are not required at the main part of the present session.

47. With regard to item 20 (c) of the draft agenda (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction), the Secretary-General wishes to bring to the attention of the General Committee paragraph 10 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/47 B of 27 July 1995, entitled "International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction", in which the Council recommended that the General Assembly, at its fiftieth session, consider the question of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction as a separate sub-item under item 98 (Environment and sustainable development).

48. In connection with item 157 of the draft agenda ("White Helmets" initiative, participation of volunteers in activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development), which was requested for inclusion by Argentina (A/50/144) as a separate sub-item of item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance), the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to item 167 (Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief,

rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development), which the Economic and Social Council, in paragraph 6 of its resolution 1995/44 of 27 July 1995, recommended for inclusion as a separate item in the agenda of the fiftieth session.

49. Subject to the recommendations of the General Committee regarding paragraphs 45 to 48 above, the draft agenda of the fiftieth session would consist of the following items: 2/

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Côte d'Ivoire (P.1).

2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (P.2).

3. Credentials of representatives to the fiftieth session of the General Assembly (P.3):

   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;

   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

4. Election of the President of the General Assembly (P.4).

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees (P.5).

6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly (P.6).

7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations (P.7).

8. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: reports of the General Committee (P.8).

9. General debate (P.9).

10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (P.10). 3/

11. Report of the Security Council (P.11). 3/

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council (P.12).

2/ Abbreviations used in the present document:

(P.): item on the provisional agenda (A/50/150);

(S.): item on the supplementary list (A/50/200).

3/ This item remains also on the agenda of the forty-ninth session (decision 49/474 of 23 December 1994).

13. Report of the International Court of Justice (P.13).

14. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (P.14).

15. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs (P.15):

(a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council;

(b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council.

16. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections (P.16):

(a) Election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme;

(b) Election of twelve members of the World Food Council; 4/

(c) Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination.

17. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments (P.17):

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions;

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors;

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee;

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal;

(f) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences.

18. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (P.18).

19. Admission of new Members to the United Nations (P.19).

4/ This item remains also on the agenda of the forty-ninth session (see A/49/PV.97).

20. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (P.20): 5/

    (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations;

    (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions; 6/

    (c) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction; 7/

    (d) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster;

    (e) Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan.

21. University for Peace (P.21).

22. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin (P.22).

23. Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields (P.23). 3/

24. Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (P.24).

25. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System (P.25).

26. The situation in Burundi (P.26).

27. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba (P.27).

28. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (P.28). 3/

5/ See para. 48.

6/ This item remains also on the agenda of the forty-ninth session (see A/49/PV.101).

7/ See para. 47.

29. Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations (P.29). 8/

30. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (P.30).

31. Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States (P.31).

32. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (P.32).

33. International assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Nicaragua: aftermath of the war and natural disasters (P.33).

34. United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa (P.34).

35. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte (P.35).

36. Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War (P.36).

37. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic (P.37).

38. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti (P.38). 8/

39. Law of the sea (P.39).

40. Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal (P.40).

41. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies (P.41).

42. Question of Palestine (P.42). 3/

43. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity (P.43).

44. The situation in the Middle East (P.44).

45. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development (P.45).

46. Assistance in mine clearance (P.46).

8/ This item remains also on the agenda of the forty-ninth session (see A/49/PV.105).

47. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters (P.47). 1/

48. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (P.48).

49. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (P.49).

50. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 (P.50).

51. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security (P.51). 9/

52. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development (P.52). 9/

53. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations (P.53). 9/

54. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (P.54). 9/

55. Question of Cyprus (P.55). 9/

56. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait (P.56). 9/

57. Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament obligation (P.57).

58. Education and information for disarmament (P.58).

59. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification (P.59).

60. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security (P.60).

61. Reduction of military budgets (P.61).

9/ This item, which has not been considered by the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, remains on the agenda of that session (decision 49/474 of 23 December 1994). Its inclusion in the agenda of the fiftieth session is subject to any action that the Assembly may take on it at its forty-ninth session.

62. Scientific and technological developments and their impact on international security (P.62).

63. The role of science and technology in the context of international security, disarmament and other related fields (P.63).

64. Amendment of the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water (P.64).

65. Comprehensive text-ban treaty (P.65).

66. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East (P.66).

67. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia (P.67).

68. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (P.68).

69. Prevention of an arms race in outer space (P.69).

70. General and complete disarmament (P.70).

(a) Notification of nuclear tests;

(b) Further measures in the field of disarmament for the prevention of an arms race on the seabed and the ocean floor and in the subsoil thereof;

(c) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;

(d) Review of the Declaration of the 1990s as the Third Disarmament Decade;

(e) Transparency in armaments;

(f) Step-by-step reduction of the nuclear threat;

(g) Fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;

(h) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(i) Measures to curb the illicit transfer and use of conventional arms;

(j) Regional disarmament;

(k) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

(l) Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and of vehicles for their delivery in all its aspects.

71. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly (P.71):

(a) United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services;

(b) Regional confidence-building measures;

(c) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa, United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific and United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(d) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons.

72. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session (P.72):

(a) Report of the Disarmament Commission;

(b) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

(c) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters;

(d) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research;

(e) Disarmament Week.

73. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East (P.73).

74. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (P.74).

75. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region (P.75).

76. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace (P.76).

77. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) (P.77).

78. Final text of a treaty on an African nuclear-weapon-free zone (P.78).

79. Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee (P.79).

80. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (P.80).

81. Maintenance of international security (P.81).

82. Effects of atomic radiation (P.82).

83. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (P.83).

84. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (P.84). 3/

85. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (P.85).

86. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects (P.86). 3/

87. Questions relating to information (P.87).

88. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations (P.88).

89. Activities of foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination (P.89).

90. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (P.90).

91. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories (P.91).

92. The situation in the occupied territories of Croatia (P.92).

93. Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India (P.93).

94. Question of East Timor (P.94).

95. Question of the composition of the relevant organs of the United Nations (P.95).

96. Macroeconomic policy questions (P.96):

    (a) Financing of development;

    (b) Long-term trends in social and economic development;

(c) External debt crisis and development.

97. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation (P.97):

(a) Trade and development;

(b) Human settlements;

(c) United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II);

(d) Science and technology for development;

(e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s;

(f) Women in development;

(g) Human resources development;

(h) Business and development;

(i) International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries;

(j) United Nations initiative on opportunity and participation.

98. Environment and sustainable development (P.98): 7/

(a) Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

(b) Desertification and drought;

(c) Sustainable use and conservation of the marine living resources of the high seas;

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind;

(e) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.

99. Operational activities for development (P.99):

(a) Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries.

100. Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research (P.100).

101. Agenda for development (P.101).

102. Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (P.102).

103. International migration and development, including the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development (P.103).

104. Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (P.104).

105. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (P.105).

106. Right of peoples to self-determination (P.106).

107. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (P.107).

108. Crime prevention and criminal justice (P.108).

109. Advancement of women (P.109). 10/

110. International drug control (P.110).

111. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions (P.111).

112. Promotion and protection of the rights of children (P.112).

113. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (P.113).

114. Human rights questions (P.114):

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action. 3/

10/ This item remains also on the agenda of the forty-ninth session (see A/49/PV.106).

115. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (P.115): 3/

(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

(b) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

116. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (P.116).

117. Programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 (P.117). 11/

118. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 (P.118).

119. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations (P.119). 10/

120. Joint Inspection Unit (P.120).

121. Pattern of conferences (P.121).

122. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (P.122). 3/

123. United Nations common system (P.123).

124. Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East (P.124): 8/

(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

125. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (P.125). 10/

126. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991) (P.126): 8/

(a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission;

(b) Other activities.

127. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (P.127). 10/

128. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (P.128). 8/

11/ This item remains also on the agenda of the forty-ninth session (see A/49/PV.100).

129. Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (P.129). 10/

130. Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters (P.130). 10/

131. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II (P.131). 10/

132. Financing of the liquidation of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique (P.132). 12/

133. Financing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (P.133). 8/

134. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (P.134). 8/

135. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti (P.135). 13/

136. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia (P.136). 8/

137. Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (P.137). 8/

138. Financing of the United Nations Military Liaison Team in Cambodia (P.138). 8/

139. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (P.139). 10/

140. Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (P.140). 13/

141. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations (P.141): 10/

(a) Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations;

(b) Relocation of Ukraine to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232.

12/ This item remains also on the agenda of the forty-ninth session (see A/49/PV.98).

13/ This item remains also on the agenda of the forty-ninth session (see A/49/PV.99).

142. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law (P.142).

143. United Nations Decade of International Law (P.143).

144. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-seventh session (P.144).

145. Establishment of an international criminal court (P.145).

146. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twenty-eighth session (P.146).

147. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (P.147).

148. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (P.148).

149. Measures to eliminate international terrorism (P.149).

150. Consideration of the draft articles on the status of the diplomatic courier and the diplomatic bag not accompanied by diplomatic courier and of the draft optional protocols thereto (P.150).

151. Review of the procedure provided for under article 11 of the statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations (P.151).

152. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (P.152).

153. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (P.153).

154. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (P.154).

155. Review of the role of the Trusteeship Council (P.155).

156. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization (P.156).

157. "White Helmets" initiative, participation of volunteers in activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development (P.157). 5/

158. Consideration of the exceptional situation of the Republic of China on Taiwan in the international context, based on the principle of

universality and in accordance with the established model of parallel representation of divided countries at the United Nations (P.158).

159. Observer status for the Central American Integration System in the General Assembly (P.159).

160. Multilingualism (P.160).

161. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation (P.161).

162. Programme planning (P.162).

163. Human resources management (P.163).

164. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (P.164).

165. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (S.1).

166. Universal Congress on the Panama Canal (S.2).

167. Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development (Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/44 of 27 July 1995). 5/

168. Strengthening of the United Nations system (resolution 49/252 of 14 September 1995).

V. ALLOCATION OF ITEMS

50. The allocation of items described in paragraph 62 below is based on the pattern adopted by the General Assembly for those items in previous years. The Secretary-General trusts that delegations will consider allotting items in a manner which will best enhance the effectiveness and the impact of the Assembly's work. In this connection, the General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 4 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), which reads as follows:

> "4. Substantive items should normally be discussed initially in a Main Committee and, therefore, items previously allocated to plenary meetings should henceforth be referred to a Main Committee unless there are compelling circumstances requiring their continued consideration in plenary meeting."

The General Committee may also wish to draw the Assembly's attention to paragraph 3 of annex I of resolution 48/264. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the General Committee's attention to the relevant paragraphs of resolution 39/88 B and resolution 45/45 (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend.1, annexes VII and VIII). Paragraph 5 of the annex to resolution 39/88 B reads as follows:

> "5. The Chairmen of the Main Committees should take the initiative, in the light of past experience, to propose the grouping of similar or related items and the holding of a single general debate on them."

Paragraph 6 of the annex to resolution 45/45 reads as follows:

> "6. In making recommendations as to how agenda items should be allocated to the Main Committees and the plenary of the General Assembly, the General Committee should ensure the best use of the expertise of the Committees."

In this connection, the Secretary-General also wishes to draw the General Committee's attention to paragraphs 2 and 5 (b) and (d) of annex I of resolution 48/264, which read as follows:

> "2. Agenda items which are of a nature that relates to more than one Main Committee or which do not come within the purview of any Main Committee should be considered by the General Assembly in plenary meeting, taking into account the recommendations of the General Committee.
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> "5. The Main Committees should be encouraged to continue with the review of their respective agendas, taking into account, inter alia, the following:
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> "(b) Items that cover related matters or issues could be considered in agreed clusters;

...

"(d) The existing broad division of work among the Main Committees should be maintained."

51. The following items of the draft agenda have not been considered previously by the General Assembly:

153. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (P.153).

154. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (P.154).

155. Review of the role of the Trusteeship Council (P.155).

156. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization (P.156).

158. Consideration of the exceptional situation of the Republic of China on Taiwan in the international context, based on the principle of universality and in accordance with the established model of parallel representation of divided countries at the United Nations (P.158).

159. Observer status for the Central American Integration System in the General Assembly (P.159).

160. Multilingualism (P.160).

161. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation (P.161).

165. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (S.1).

166. Universal Congress on the Panama Canal (S.2).

168. Strengthening of the United Nations system (resolution 49/252).

The sponsors of the requests for the inclusion of the following items have suggested that they should be allocated as follows:

Item 153 ..... Plenary meetings

Item 155 ..... Plenary meetings

Item 156 ..... Plenary meetings

Item 158 ..... Plenary meetings

Item 159 ..... Plenary meetings

Item 160 ..... Plenary meetings

Item 161 ..... Plenary meetings

Item 165 ..... Plenary meetings

Item 166 ..... Plenary meetings

It is suggested that item 154, which was referred to the General Assembly by the Security Council, should be considered directly in plenary meeting. It is also suggested that item 168 should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

52. In connection with item 12 of the draft agenda (Report of the Economic and Social Council), the Secretary-General proposes that, as in previous years, the various parts of the report should be assigned to the Main Committees in accordance with their respective fields of competence or to plenary meetings, on the understanding that administrative, programme and budgetary aspects should be dealt with by the Fifth Committee. Bearing that consideration in mind, the Secretary-General recommends the following allocation for the various parts of the report: 14/

Chapter I	Matters calling for action by the General Assembly or brought to its attention	Plenary meetings and Second, Third and Fifth Committees
Chapter II	High-level segment of the Council	Plenary meetings and Second Committee
Chapter III	Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system	
Section A	Coordinated follow-up by the United Nations system and implementation of the major international conferences organized by the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields	Second and Third Committees
Section B	Implementation of the agreed conclusions of the 1994 coordination segment of the Council	

14/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/50/3).

	relating to (i) science and technology for development and (ii) international cooperation within the United Nations system against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances	Second and Third Committees
Chapter IV	Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation ...	Second Committee
Chapter V	Social, humanitarian and human rights questions	
Section A	Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance	Plenary meetings
Section B	Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination	Third Committee
Section C	Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations	Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)
Section D	Human rights questions	Third Committee
Section E	Advancement of women	Third Committee
Section F	Social development questions	Third Committee
Section G	Crime prevention and criminal justice	Third Committee
Section H	Narcotic drugs	Third Committee
Section I	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	Third Committee
Chapter VI	Economic and environmental questions	
Section A	Sustainable development	Second Committee
Section B	Trade and development	Second Committee
Section C	Food and agricultural development	Second Committee

Section D	Science and technology for development	Second Committee
Section E	Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development	Second Committee
Section F	International migration and development	Second Committee
Section G	Human settlements	Second Committee
Section H	Environment	Second Committee
Section I	Desertification and drought	Second Committee
Section J	Transport of dangerous goods	Second Committee
Section K	Women in development	Second Committee
Section L	Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome	Second Committee
Section M	International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade	Second Committee
Section N	International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction	Plenary meetings
Section O	Statistics	Second Committee
Section P	Energy	Second Committee
Chapter VII	Regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields	Second Committee
Chapter VIII	Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories	Second Committee
Chapter IX	Coordination questions	Second, Third and Fifth Committees
Chapter X	Non-governmental organizations	Second Committee
Chapter XI	United Nations University	Second Committee
Chapter XII	Programme and related questions in the economic, social and related fields	Fifth Committee
Chapter XIII	Elections, nominations and confirmations	Plenary meetings

Chapter XIV	Organizational and other matters	Plenary meetings, Second, Third and Fifth Committees

53. With regard to item 18 of the draft agenda (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples), the General Committee may wish to consider referring to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) chapters of the report of the Special Committee (A/50/23) relating to specific Territories; this would again enable the General Assembly to deal in plenary meeting with the question of the implementation of the Declaration as a whole.

54. In connection with item 20 (c) of the draft agenda (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction), the Secretary-General wishes to recall Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/47 B, in which the Council, inter alia, recommended that the General Assembly consider the question of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction as a separate sub-item under item 98 (Environment and sustainable development), which is traditionally allocated to the Second Committee.

55. With regard to item 48 of the draft agenda (Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)), the Secretary-General wishes to remind the General Committee that at previous sessions the General Assembly decided to consider this item directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that bodies and individuals having an interest in the question would be heard in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in conjunction with the consideration of the item in plenary meeting.

56. With regard to item 55 of the draft agenda (Question of Cyprus), the General Committee will recall that at its forty-second session 15/ the General Assembly decided to consider this item directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that it would, when considering the item, invite the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (the former Special Political Committee) to meet for the purpose of affording representatives of the Cypriot communities an opportunity to take the floor in the Committee in order to express their views, and that the Assembly would then resume its consideration of the item, taking into account the report of the Committee.

57. In connection with item 70 of the draft agenda (General and complete disarmament), the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the fact that some portions of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/50/360), which is to be considered directly in plenary meeting under item 14, deal with the subject-matter of this item. The General Committee may therefore wish to recommend that the relevant

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15/ This item has not been discussed since the thirty-seventh session.

paragraphs of the report should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 70.

58. With regard to item 107 of the draft agenda (Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraphs 3 and 4 of resolution 49/152 of 23 December 1994, which read as follows:

> "3. Decides to devote up to four plenary meetings at its fiftieth session to mark the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year and to consider, with a view to adopting it, the world programme of action for youth towards the year 2000 and beyond;
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> "4. Invites Member States to participate in the plenary meetings at a high political level and requests the Secretariat to schedule those meetings as close as possible to 24 October 1995 to facilitate such participation".

The General Committee may wish to recommend to the Assembly that the meetings should be held on Thursday and Friday, 26 and 27 October 1995.

59. In connection with item 109 of the draft agenda (Advancement of women), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 16 of the annex to resolution 39/125 of 14 December 1984 concerning the United Nations Development Fund for Women, which reads as follows:

> "16. Taking into account the advice of the Consultative Committee, the Administrator shall submit to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme an annual report on the operations, management and budget of the Fund. He shall submit a similar report to the General Assembly, to be referred to the Second Committee for consideration of its technical cooperation aspects and also to the Third Committee."

The General Committee may therefore wish to recommend that the report should be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 99 of the draft agenda (Operational activities for development).

60. With regard to item 114 (b) of the draft agenda (Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms), the Secretary-General wishes to recall resolution 49/213 of 23 December 1994 whereby the General Assembly, inter alia, decided to mark the end of the United Nations Year for Tolerance at a special commemorative plenary meeting of its fiftieth session.

61. In connection with item 120 of the draft agenda (Joint Inspection Unit), the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly, as was done at previous sessions, that the item should be allocated to the Fifth Committee, on the understanding that the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit dealing with subject-matters assigned to other Main Committees would be referred also to those Committees.

62. Subject to changes that may be made by the General Committee in the light of paragraphs 50 to 61 above, the allocation of the items of the draft agenda, as based on previous practice, would be the following: 16/

16/ For the abbreviations used in the allocation of items, see footnote 2.

Plenary meetings

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Côte d'Ivoire (P.1).

2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (P.2).

3. Credentials of representatives to the fiftieth session of the General Assembly (P.3):

   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;

   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

4. Election of the President of the General Assembly (P.4).

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees (P.5).

6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly (P.6).

7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations (P.7).

8. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: reports of the General Committee (P.8).

9. General debate (P.9).

10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (P.10). 3/

11. Report of the Security Council (P.11). 3/

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters I, II, V (section A), VI (section N), XIII and XIV] (P.12). 17/

13. Report of the International Court of Justice (P.13).

14. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (P.14). 18/

17/ The chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to the Second, Third and Fifth Committees, as follows:

(a)	Chapters I and XIV	Second, Third and Fifth Committees
(b)	Chapter II	Second Committee

For further details, see para. 52.

18/ See para. 57.

15. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs (P.15):

(a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council;

(b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council.

16. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections (P.16):

(a) Election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme;

(b) Election of twelve members of the World Food Council; 4/

(c) Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination.

17. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments (P.17): 19/

(f) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences.

18. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (P.18). 20/

19. Admission of new Members to the United Nations (P.19).

20. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (P.20):

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations;

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions; 6/

(c) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction; 21/

(d) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster;

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36/ The chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to plenary meetings and to the Second and Third Committees, as follows:

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